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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP MCGRATH ON EL SALVADOR AND SARSANEDAS
DEPORTATION

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS SPOKE WITH ARCHBISHOP OF PANAMA,
MSGR. MARCOS MCGRATH MAY 11 ABOUT SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR
AND MAY 6 DEPORTATION OF PANANIAN JESUIR JORGE SARSANEDAS
(SEE REFTEL). MCGRATH TERMED EL SALVADOR "TOUGHEST SITUATION"
IN CENTRAL AMERICA ON COUNTS OF SOCIAL TENSION AND VIOLENCE.
PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT APPEAR SLIGHT AS, ACCORDING TO
MCGRATH'S INFORMANTS (E.G. ARCHBISHOP ROMERO), PRESIDENT-
ELECT ROMERO REPORTEDLY HAS THREATENED TO EXPEL ALL JESUITS
IN THE COUNTRY WHEN HE TAKES OFFICE.

2. ON SARSANEDAS CASE MCGRATH SAID AS SOON AS HE WAS INFORMED
OF THE PRIEST'S DETENTION HE SPOKE WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS
AND SECRET POLICE CHIEF LT. COL. NORIEGA TO ASK THEM TO
INTERVENE WITH MOLINA FOR SARSANEDAS' RELEASE.
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